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2008 YEARBOOK



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Dear Husker Fans,

Welcome to the Nebraska Coliseum for another season of Cornhusker volleyball. I hope you enjoy the game and show respect for our team, our opponent and the opposing fans.

Having coached at Nebraska for 36 years before serving in Congress and then becoming your athletic director, I reached some fundamental conclusions about life and the game. Nebraska coaches and players helped me reach those conclusions because they exemplified what competition, discipline and caring are all about.

Writing books entitled *More Than Winning*, *On Solid Ground* and *Faith in the Game* reinforced what really drove me as a football coach and continues to drive me as an athletic director. It's a simple thing that we all know but sometimes forget – the journey is more important than the destination.

John Wooden, the former UCLA basketball coach – a role model of mine – was a great advocate of this approach. He emphasized proper technique, effort, conditioning and teamwork. He believed if a team prepared properly, winning would take care of itself.

At Nebraska, we've done similar things – embracing the special "Nebraska way" to build skills and a winning attitude on the practice field in a way that optimizes our performance on game day. These principles and practices have been effective in developing a highly respected volleyball program with exceptionally loyal fans, and I believe they also can apply beyond the athletic field.

Of course, the heart of our process-oriented approach is a singular focus on character. Much of what has been accomplished at Nebraska springs from a unique team atmosphere that revolved around attitudes and relationships associated with the character we strive to cultivate in our student-athletes.

Head volleyball coach John Cook incorporates that approach into the core values he and his staff are instilling into this team. They are values that Nebraskans hold in high regard, such as honesty, trust and loyalty. In a way that typifies our coaches in every sport, he believes in substance more than style and in setting goals and then paying a price to reach those goals.

The work ethic shown by these coaches and players in the off-season to prepare for the upcoming season has been impressive. If we continue to focus on the process more than the end result, we will be successful.

Tom Osborne



Athletic Director
Tom Osborne

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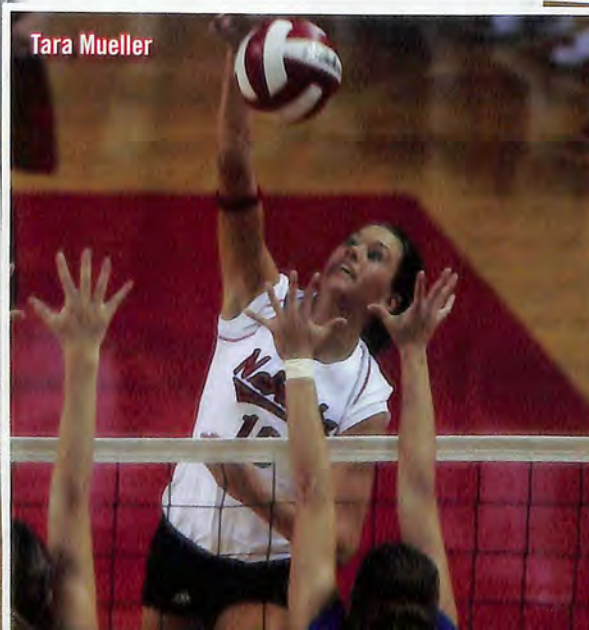
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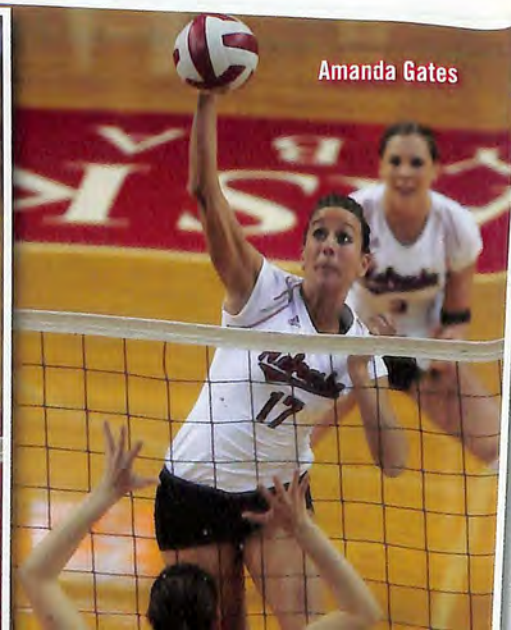
Jordan Larson



Kori Cooper



Tara Mueller



Amanda Gates

2008 SCHEDULE

Regular Season

Date	Days	Opponent/Tournament	Location	Time
Aug. 29 & 31	Fri. & Sun.	at Runza/AVCA Showcase	Omaha, Neb. (Qwest Center)	
Aug. 29	Friday	vs. Stanford	Omaha, Neb. (Qwest Center)	7 p.m.
		Texas vs. USC	Omaha, Neb. (Qwest Center)	9:30 p.m.
Aug. 31	Sunday	Texas vs. Stanford	Omaha, Neb. (Qwest Center)	12:30 p.m.
		vs. USC	Omaha, Neb. (Qwest Center)	3 p.m.
Sept. 1	Monday	Oral Roberts	NU Coliseum	4 p.m.
Sept. 5-6	Fri.-Sat.	at Cal Poly Tournament	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	
Sept. 5	Friday	vs. Northeastern	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	2 p.m.
		at Cal Poly	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	9:30 p.m.
Sept. 6	Saturday	vs. Tulane	San Luis Obispo, Calif.	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 12-13	Fri.-Sat.	Ameritas Players Challenge	Devaney Center & NU Coliseum	
Sept. 12	Friday	St. John's vs. New Mexico	Devaney Center	4:30 p.m.
		vs. LSU	Devaney Center	7 p.m.
Sept. 13	Saturday	Consolation Match	NU Coliseum	TBA
		Championship Match	NU Coliseum	TBA
Sept. 17	Wednesday	at Kansas State ^	Manhattan, Kan.	7 p.m.
Sept. 20	Saturday	Texas ^	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Sept. 24	Wednesday	Kansas ^	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Sept. 27	Saturday	at Iowa State ^	Ames, Iowa	6:30 p.m.
Oct. 1	Wednesday	at Texas Tech ^	Lubbock, Texas	7 p.m.
Oct. 4	Saturday	Colorado ^	NU Coliseum	TBA
Oct. 5	Sunday	at Creighton	Omaha, Neb. (Qwest Center)	5 p.m.
Oct. 8	Wednesday	Oklahoma ^	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Oct. 12	Sunday	at Missouri ^	Columbia, Mo.	Noon
Oct. 15	Wednesday	Baylor ^	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Oct. 22	Wednesday	Texas A&M ^	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Oct. 25	Saturday	at Oklahoma ^	Norman, Okla.	7 p.m.
Oct. 29	Wednesday	at Colorado ^	Boulder, Colo.	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Saturday	Iowa State ^	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Nov. 5	Wednesday	at Texas A&M ^	College Station, Texas	6:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Saturday	Kansas State ^	NU Coliseum	TBA
Nov. 12	Wednesday	Missouri ^	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Nov. 15	Saturday	at Kansas ^	Lawrence, Kan.	TBA
Nov. 19	Wednesday	at Texas ^	Austin, Texas	8 p.m.
Nov. 22	Saturday	Texas Tech ^	NU Coliseum	7 p.m.
Nov. 29	Saturday	at Baylor ^	Waco, Texas	7 p.m.

NCAA Tournament

Dec. 5-6	Fri.-Sat.	NCAA First/Second Rounds	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 12-13	Fri.-Sat.	NCAA Regionals	Campus Sites	TBA
Dec. 18	Thursday	NCAA National Semifinals	Omaha, Neb. (Qwest Center Omaha)	TBA
Dec. 20	Saturday	NCAA Championship Match	Omaha, Neb. (Qwest Center Omaha)	TBA

^ - Big 12 Matches; All dates and times subject to change; all times listed are Central; Match times for NU's home contests on Sept. 13, Oct. 4 and Nov. 8 will not be determined until football times for that day are determined.



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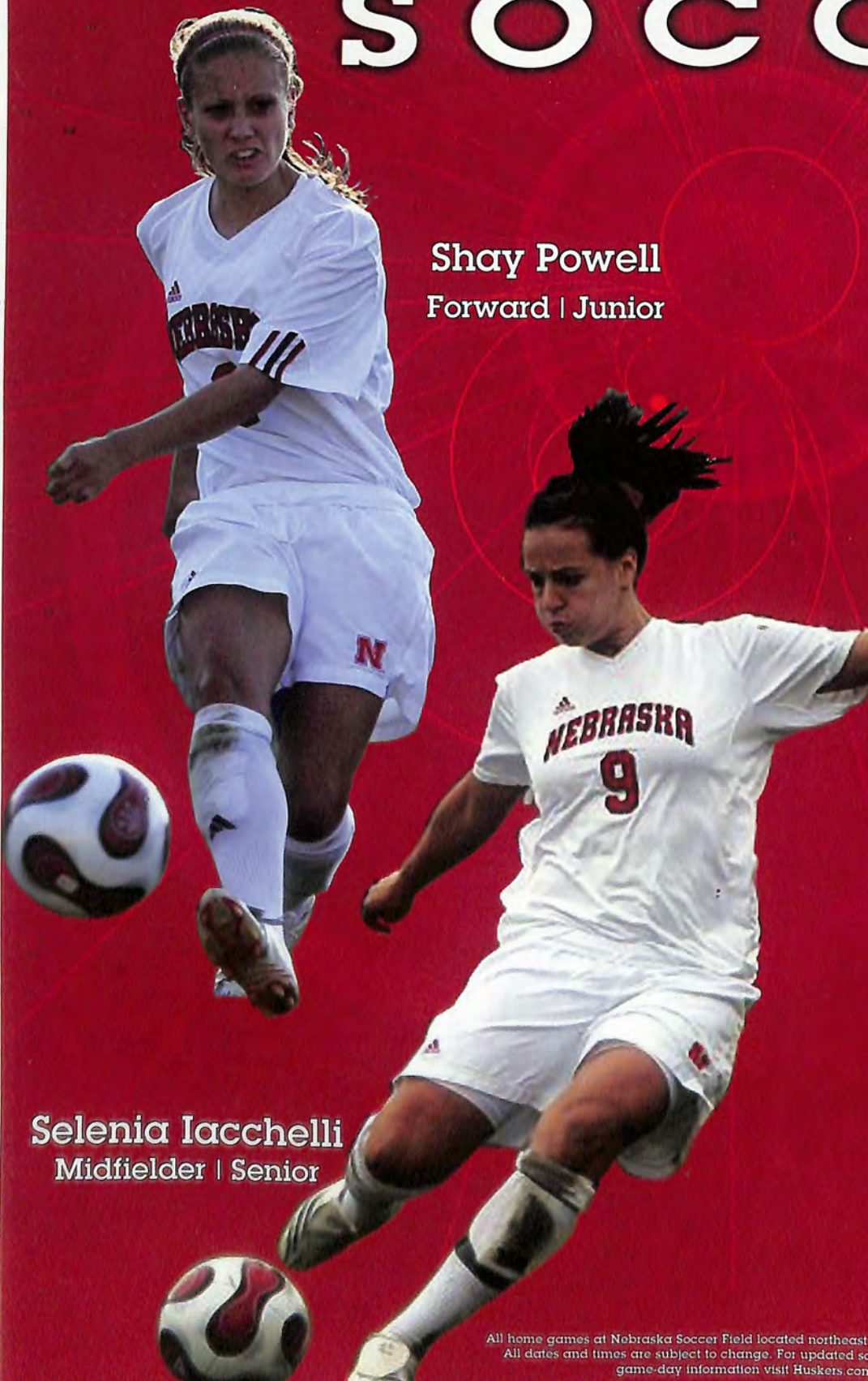


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2008 Home Schedule



Shay Powell
Forward | Junior

Sunday, September 7
UAB
1:00 p.m.

Friday, September 12
Drake
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 14
Oakland
1:00 p.m.

Friday, September 19
North Dakota State
5:00 p.m.

Sunday, September 21
Stephen F. Austin
1:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26
Kansas
4:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 28
Missouri
1:00 p.m.

Friday, October 3
Texas
4:30 p.m.

Friday, October 17
Colorado
4:00 p.m.

Sunday, October 19
Texas Tech
Noon

Selenia Iacchelli
Midfielder | Senior

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game-day information visit Huskers.com.



JOHN COOK

Head Coach

Ninth Season

(University of San Diego, 1979)

The philosophy of John Cook can be summarized in two simple words:
Dream Big.

When Cook took over the reins of the Nebraska volleyball program following the 1999 season, the challenge facing him was daunting. Cook replaced one of the sport's legendary coaches in Terry Pettit, who won 694 matches and guided the Huskers to 18 consecutive NCAA appearances and six national semifinals.

Cook, who left an emerging power in Wisconsin to guide the tradition-rich Husker program, had his own vision for Nebraska volleyball. He saw a program that had even more potential to grow. His goals included consistently selling out home matches at the NU Coliseum, expanding the media exposure for his program and continuing the tradition of athletic and academic excellence started by Pettit.

Cook saw the long-range potential in reaching across the Husker Nation and making them a vital part of the program's success. He also believed Nebraska could shine by hosting the sport's championship in the largest setting college volleyball had ever seen.

When others saw risks, Cook saw opportunities.

In 2006, Cook's dream was realized, as the Husker Nation had an opportunity to see Nebraska raise the bar in college volleyball first-hand. From record-setting, sold-out crowds at the Qwest Center Omaha to a team that maximized its potential in winning the school's third national title, the Huskers enjoyed a truly remarkable season.

The Huskers entered the season with many questions, as they were forced to replace three All-Americans, including AVCA National Player-of-the-Year Christina Houghtelling, who missed the 2006 season after shoulder surgery. With four first-year starters on the court and the expectations of trying to reach the national semifinals just 45 miles away from campus, 2006 shaped up to be Cook's toughest coaching job to date. Nebraska took on all challenges head-on, going 33-1 and becoming only the third team in NCAA history to be ranked No. 1 the entire season. The Huskers went on the road and overcame a 2-0 deficit to defeat Minnesota to reach the national semifinals, marking the first time that Nebraska had won a regional outside the state. The win over the Gophers set the stage for a watershed moment in college volleyball. Behind sellout crowds of over 17,000, the Huskers captured the school's third national title with victories over No. 4 UCLA and No. 2 Stanford.

The Huskers enjoyed one of the most prolific offensive seasons in school history, leading the nation in kills per game and ranking second in hitting percentage. Four players earned AVCA All-America honors, highlighted by Sarah Pavan, who became Nebraska's first Honda-Broderick Cup winner and fourth AVCA National Player of the Year.

In 2007, the Huskers continued to raise the bar for the sport, setting a pair of NCAA single-match attendance records and winning the Big 12 title for the fourth consecutive year. The Huskers, who capped an extraordinary streak of 26 straight weeks ranked No. 1 in the AVCA poll, advanced to the regional final before a loss to Cal ended a 30-2 season. A school-record five Huskers earned AVCA All-America awards, while Pavan, Houghtelling and Tracy Stalls all earned first-team CoSIDA Academic All-America honors.

Consistent excellence has been a hallmark of Cook's Nebraska squads since he took over the reins on Dec. 15, 1999. Over the last eight years, Cook has guided Nebraska to a pair of national titles, four NCAA semifinal appearances and seven Big 12 titles. He has guided NU to a 250-16 overall record and a 154-6 league mark. Overall, Cook is 86-13 against ranked teams at Nebraska, and the

Huskers have 15 wins against top-five teams during the last eight years.

With Cook at the helm, Nebraska has produced numerous individual honors including an Olympian, a Honda-Broderick Cup winner, three AVCA Division I National Players of the Year, two NCAA Top Eight Award winners, two Honda Award winners, 27 AVCA All-Americans, three CoSIDA Academic All-Americans of the Year, 13 CoSIDA Academic All-Americans, five Big 12 Players of the Year and three Big 12 Co-Players of the Year.

Cook's accomplishments haven't gone unnoticed, as he is a two-time AVCA National Coach of the Year, and one of only six coaches in NCAA history to be a two-time National Coach of the Year.

In 2000, his first season at the helm, Cook was named the AVCA National Coach of the Year after guiding the Huskers to a 34-0 record and the national championship. The Huskers, who became just the second team in NCAA history to cap an undefeated season with a national title, were ranked No. 1 in the AVCA/USA Today Top 25 poll for a record 14 straight weeks. Setter Greichaly Cepero earned AVCA National Player-of-the-Year honors. Three Huskers won AVCA All-America certificates, and five Nebraska players were named to the All-Big 12 teams. Laura Pilakowski earned CoSIDA Academic All-America honors, and a conference-best seven Huskers earned academic All-Big 12 recognition.

In 2001, Cook's second season, Nebraska fell just two wins short of capturing another NCAA title. The Huskers went 20-0 in the Big 12 en route to claiming their fifth consecutive conference championship, and Cook was named the Big 12 Coach of the Year. NU finished the season with a 31-2 record after falling to eventual national champion Stanford in the NCAA semifinals. Right side hitter Nancy Metcalf was selected as an NCAA Top Eight Award winner and was also named the CoSIDA Academic All-American of the Year. Pilakowski and Cepero joined Metcalf on the CoSIDA Academic All-America teams.

In Cook's third season, NU finished fifth in the AVCA poll with a 31-2 record to secure its third straight 30-win season. Cepero and Amber Holmquist again earned first-team AVCA All-America honors, and Pilakowski was recognized on the second team.

Cook faced perhaps his greatest coaching challenge at Nebraska during the 2003 season, when the Huskers had to replace three All-Americans and their first-ever libero. NU went on to finish the season with a 28-5 record, an 11-4 mark against NCAA Tournament teams, and its 10th straight NCAA Sweet 16 appearance.

The 2004 season may have been one of Cook's best coaching jobs, as a youthful squad that had as many as five freshmen or sophomores on the court went 30-2 and reached the NCAA Regional final before losing in five games to two-time defending champion USC.

The 2005 campaign was a special one for the Nebraska program. The Huskers returned to the national semifinals for the first time since 2001 and finished with a 33-2 record. The Huskers led the nation in blocking and ranked in the top 10 nationally in assists, kills and hitting percentage. Four Huskers earned AVCA All-America honors, while Christina Houghtelling was named AVCA National Player of the Year.

Building the Badgers

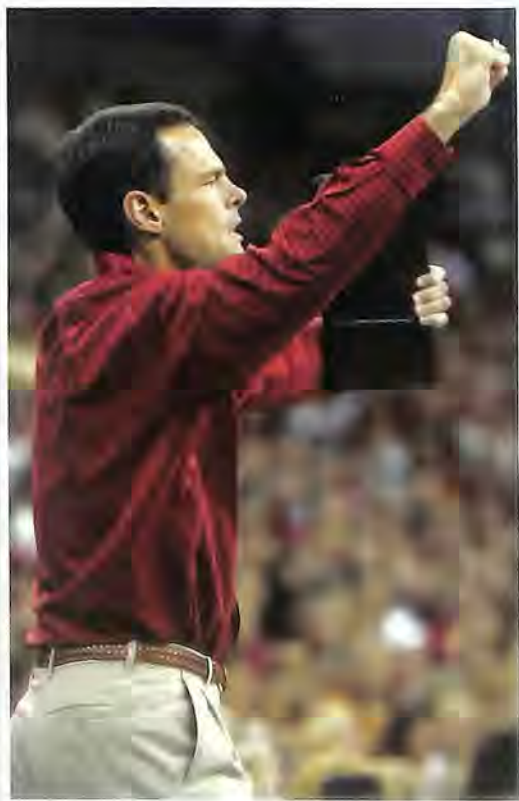
Cook, who served as an assistant under Pettit for three seasons from 1988 to 1991, took over the Nebraska head coaching job after serving as associate head coach during the 1999 season. Before returning to Nebraska in 1999, Cook led Wisconsin to six straight postseason appearances in seven seasons as the Badgers' head coach. Cook, 52, compiled a 161-73 record at the helm of the Badgers, including an 89-51 league mark in one of the nation's toughest conferences. He was named the Big Ten Co-Coach and AVCA District 2 Coach of the Year in 1997 after leading the Badgers to a share of the Big Ten title with a 19-1 mark and school-best 30-3 overall record.

Other Coaching Experiences

Cook also brings Olympic and championship experience to the Husker staff. As the first assistant coach with the U.S. Men's National Volleyball team, Cook aided the United States to a bronze medal in the 1992 Olympic Games in Barcelona. In the summer of 2004, Cook served as head coach of the Women's National Volleyball Training Team, guiding his squad to the title in the Women's Open Division of the USA Volleyball Adult Open Championships in Atlanta, Ga.

A graduate of the University of San Diego, Cook earned his bachelor's degree in history in 1979. He completed his master's degree in teaching and coaching effectiveness from San Diego State in 1991.

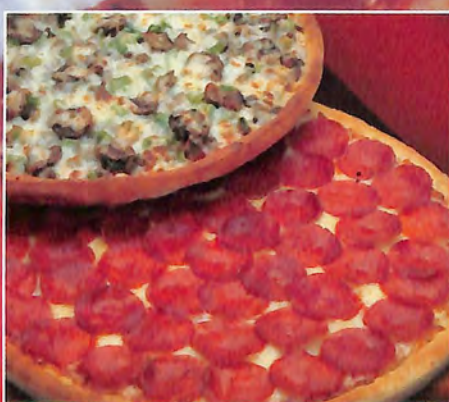
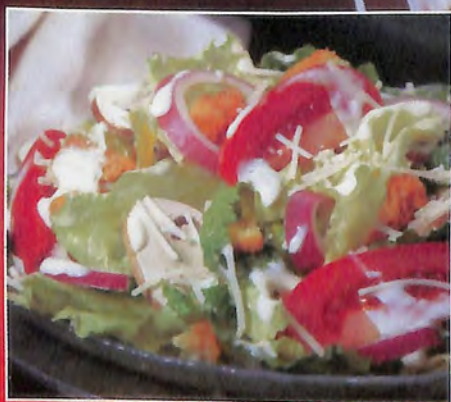
Cook and his wife Wendy, a former two-time All-America setter at San Diego State, are the parents of two children, Lauren, 17, and Taylor, 14.





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LIZZY STEMKE

**Assistant Coach
Second Season
(Wisconsin, 2004)**

Former All-American and U.S. National Team member Lizzy Stemke is in her second season in the Husker program. Prior to joining the Nebraska staff in February of 2007, Stemke spent two years at the University of North Carolina.

At Nebraska, Stemke trains the Husker setters and serves as co-recruiting coordinator. Her additional duties include serving as the team video coordinator and as a liaison for academics and community involvement. She also assists with summer camps and coaching clinics, as well as assisting in Nebraska Volleyball Academy clinics.

Stemke played a major role in the Huskers' success in 2007, as Nebraska finished second in the nation with 16.42 assists per game and third nationally with a .327 hitting percentage en route to 30 wins and a Big 12 title. Rachel Holloway finished her Nebraska career by collecting her second AVCA All-America award, while ranking among the national leaders with 13.58 assists per game under Stemke's guidance.



Before Nebraska

At UNC, Stemke served as setters' coach and handled opponent scouting and video exchange, recruiting, team travel and community outreach. In her first season as an assistant at UNC, the Tar Heels won the ACC title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament.

Stemke has experience coaching both at the collegiate and club levels. She spent the 2003 season as a volunteer assistant at the University of Central Florida, as the Golden Knights won the Atlantic Sun Conference Championship and reached the round of 32 in the NCAA Tournament for the second time in school history before finishing with a 23-7 record.

During her time in Florida, Stemke also co-founded the Team Orlando Volleyball Club and acted as its head recruiter and setter and defense clinic coordinator. She has also spent time working with the Wisconsin Power Volleyball Club, the All-American Volleyball Camps, Next Level Volleyball Camp and the Triangle Setting Academy.

Playing Experience

Stemke enjoyed a distinguished career at the University of Wisconsin from 1998 to 2001. A three-year starter at setter for the Badgers, she helped Wisconsin to a 112-23 record, a pair of Big Ten titles and an NCAA runner-up finish in 2000. One of only three two-time AVCA All-Americans in Wisconsin history, she ranked fourth nationally in assists as a senior in 2001, with 13.72 per game when she was named Big Ten Player of the Year. She was recruited to Wisconsin by Cook, whose last year as Badgers' head coach was 1998.

Following her collegiate career, Stemke spent two years with the U.S. National Team. In 2002, she was a member of the silver medal-winning team at the World Championships. She also helped the U.S. team win a bronze medal at the 2003 Pan-American Games. Following her time with the national team, Stemke spent two seasons playing professionally. In 2003, she was named the MVP of the Puerto Rican League. She then spent one season playing in the Pro A League in France.

Stemke earned her bachelor's degree in communications from Wisconsin in 2004. The former Lizzy Fitzgerald, she is married to Kevin Stemke.

Stemke comes from a family heavily involved in college athletics. Her father, Billy Fitzgerald, played baseball and basketball at Tulane from 1967 to 1969 and is in the school's athletic hall of fame. Her older brother, Edmond, played basketball at Ole Miss (1992-94), while her older sister, Meg, played volleyball at Florida (1992-95) and was the head volleyball coach at Central Florida until 2007. Her youngest brother, Robert, played baseball at the Tennessee (2002-05).



ERIK SULLIVAN

**Assistant Coach
First Season
(UCLA, 1995)**

The newest member of the Husker volleyball staff, Erik Sullivan begins his first season as an assistant coach with the Husker program after being named to the position on Feb. 14, 2008. In his role with the Huskers, Sullivan will handle player training and will work with the middle blockers while serving as recruiting co-coordinator. He also handles opponent scouting and game preparation and oversees Nebraska's summer camp program.

A two-time U.S. Olympian, Sullivan came to Nebraska from Colorado, where he served as an assistant for the past four years. According to Nebraska Coach John Cook, Sullivan's combination of high-level playing and coaching experience made him stand out among a talented field of candidates.

"I feel that Erik is one of the up-and-coming young coaches in the country and was a good fit for what we were looking for on our staff," Cook said. "As a player, he played at the highest level, representing the United States in two Olympics and playing professionally. Since moving into coaching, he has worked with not only the Colorado program, but also at the club level and in the USA program. He has coached in the Big 12 for four years and understands the programs in our league, which was an important consideration for us."



Before Nebraska

In his four years at Colorado, Sullivan helped the Buffaloes to three straight NCAA appearances and helped tutor a pair of players who earned All-Big 12 recognition, including two-time all-region selection Allie Griffin, who is currently playing on the AVP Tour. He worked primarily with the outside hitters and team passing during his time in the Buffaloes' program. In 2006, he helped Colorado knock off No. 1 Nebraska, the only loss on the NCAA Champion Huskers schedule that season.

Playing Experience

Sullivan brings a wealth of playing experience into the Husker program, including eight years with the U.S. National Team. He started for Team USA at libero at the 2004 Summer Olympic Games and served as co-captain of Team USA at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia. His defensive successes are well documented. He earned Best Defensive Player in the World at the 1998 World Championships and that same year he earned the USA National Team's Tom Haine Players' Award. Sullivan was touted as the America's Cup Best Reception Player in 2000 and the Best Libero at the 2001 World Championship Qualifier. He was the Best Defensive Player at the 1997 NORCECA Zone Championships and the Best Reception Player at the 1999 NORCECA.

Sullivan's playing experience has also stretched to the professional ranks in Europe. His professional resume includes stints in Naefels, Switzerland (1995-97), Malaga, Spain (1999), Apeldoorn, The Netherlands (2000-01) and Odintsovo, Russia (2003). Back in the United States, Sullivan played professionally on the Four-Man Volleyball Beach Tour in 1996-97. He was named the tour's Rookie of the Year in 1996 and was tabbed the tour's Left Side Player of the Year in 1997.

In addition to his playing experience, Sullivan served as director of the Pikes Peak Volleyball Club in Colorado Springs, Colo., from 2001 to 2002 and served as coach of the club's 17 & Under contingent.

A two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) second-team All-American at UCLA, Sullivan led the Bruins to a pair of national titles during his four-year playing career (1992-95). Sullivan finished his career as UCLA's all-time leader in matches with 10 or more digs (25) and ranked second in career digs (747). As a senior in 1995, Sullivan captained the Bruins to an NCAA title while ranking ninth nationally in digs. He graduated from UCLA with a bachelor's degree in physiological science in the spring of 1995.

A native of Encinitas, Calif., Sullivan is married to the former Amanda Heavner of Santa Barbara, Calif. The couple has a daughter, Shaye (6) and a son, Cade (1).



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2008 NEBRASKA CORNHUSKERS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
1	Sydney Anderson	S	6-0	So.	Salt Lake City, Utah (Alta/Utah)
2	Kayla Banwarth	L/DS	5-10	So.	Dubuque, Iowa (Wahlert Catholic)
3	Brigette Root	S	5-10	Fr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Grand Island)
4	Lindsey Licht	RS	6-5	So.	Aurora, Colo. (Grandview)
5	Rachel Schwartz	L/DS	5-9	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb. (East)
6	Jordan Wilberger	MB	6-1	RFr.	Scottsbluff, Neb. (Scottsbluff)
8	Brooke Delano	MB	6-4	RFr.	Bellevue, Neb. (Bellevue West)
10	Jordan Larson	OH	6-2	Sr.	Hooper, Neb. (Logan View)
11	Jessica Yanz	S	6-0	Jr.	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Naperville Central/Penn State)
14	Kaitlynn James	OH	5-11	Fr.	Louisville, Ky. (Assumption)
15	Kori Cooper	MB	6-2	Jr.	Amarillo, Texas (Amarillo)
16	Allison McNeal	MB/OH	6-3	Fr.	Schulenburg, Texas (Schulenburg)
17	Amanda Gates	MB	6-2	Sr.	Columbus, Neb. (Columbus)
19	Tara Mueller	OH	6-0	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Desert Mountain)

Coaching Staff

Head Coach:	John Cook, Ninth Year (San Diego, 1979)
Assistant Coach:	Lizzy Stemke, Second Year (Wisconsin, 2004)
Assistant Coach:	Erik Sullivan, First Year (UCLA, 1995)
Volunteer Assistant:	Ryan Walthall, Second Year (Penn State, 2007)
Director of Operations:	Lindsay Peterson, Third Year (Nebraska, 2003)
Athletic Trainer:	Jolene Emricson, Seventh Year (Metro State, 2001)
Strength Coach:	Laura Pilakowski, Fifth Year (Nebraska, 2003)
Student Manager:	Dan Meske, Second Year (Ohio State, 2007)

2008 Roster Breakdown

By Major

- Accounting (1): Jessica Yanz
- Communication Studies (2): Amanda Gates, Jordan Larson
- Communication Studies & Ethnic Studies (1): Rachel Schwartz
- Elementary Education (1): Lindsey Licht
- Middle Grades Education & Coaching (1): Jordan Wilberger
- Sociology (1): Sydney Anderson
- Speech Language Pathology (1): Kori Cooper
- Undeclared (6): Kayla Banwarth, Brooke Delano, Kaitlynn James, Allison McNeal, Tara Mueller, Brigette Root

By State

- Arizona (1): Tara Mueller
- Colorado (1): Lindsey Licht
- Illinois (1): Jessica Yanz
- Iowa (1): Kayla Banwarth
- Kentucky (1): Kaitlynn James
- Nebraska (6): Brooke Delano, Amanda Gates, Jordan Larson, Rachel Schwartz, Brigette Root, Jordan Wilberger
- Texas (2): Kori Cooper, Allison McNeal
- Utah (1): Sydney Anderson

By Class

- Seniors (3): Amanda Gates, Jordan Larson, Rachel Schwartz
- Juniors (2): Kori Cooper, Jessica Yanz
- Sophomores (4): Sydney Anderson, Kayla Banwarth, Lindsey Licht, Tara Mueller
- Redshirt Freshmen (2): Brooke Delano, Jordan Wilberger
- Freshmen (3): Kaitlynn James, Allison McNeal, Brigette Root



The 2008 Nebraska Volleyball Team: Front row (from left): Tara Mueller, Allison McNeal, Jordan Larson, Lindsey Licht, Brooke Delano, Jordan Wilberger, Kori Cooper, Amanda Gates, Jessica Yanz and Jordan Haverly. Back row: Athletic Trainer Jolene Emricson, Strength Coach Laura Pilakowski, Volunteer Assistant Ryan Walthall, Assistant Coach Erik Sullivan, Kaitlynn James, Brigette Root, Sydney Anderson, Kayla Banwarth, Rachel Schwartz, Head Coach John Cook, Assistant Coach Lizzy Stemke and Director of Volleyball Operations Lindsay Peterson.

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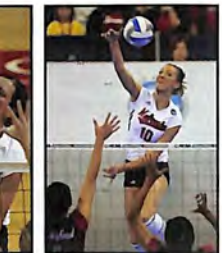
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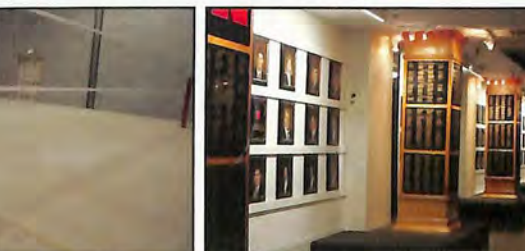
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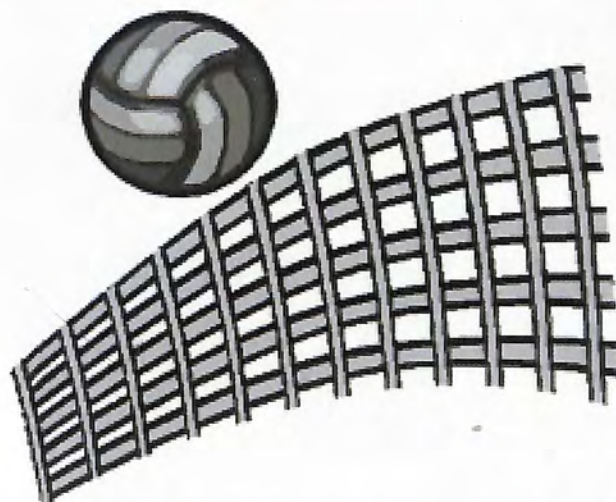


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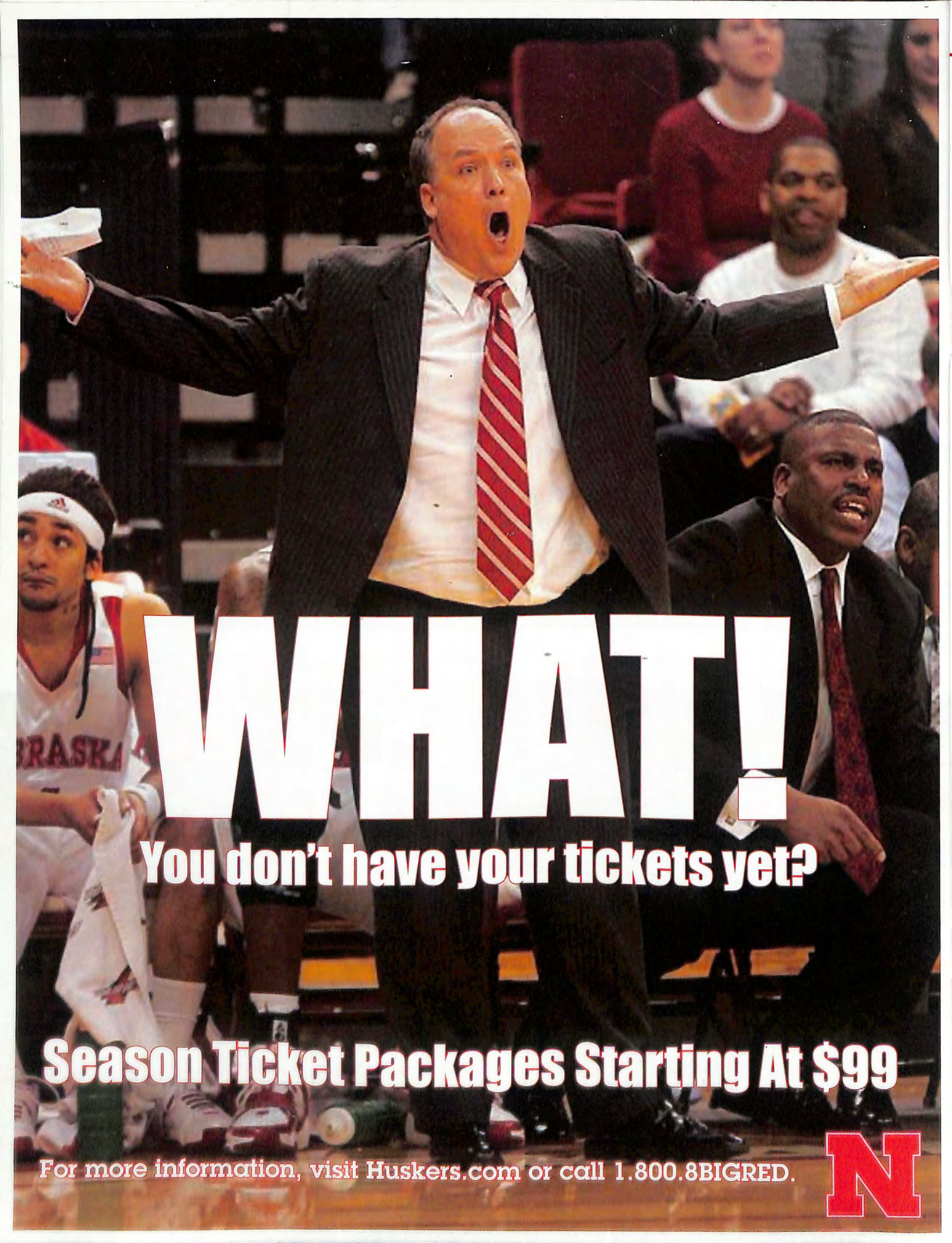


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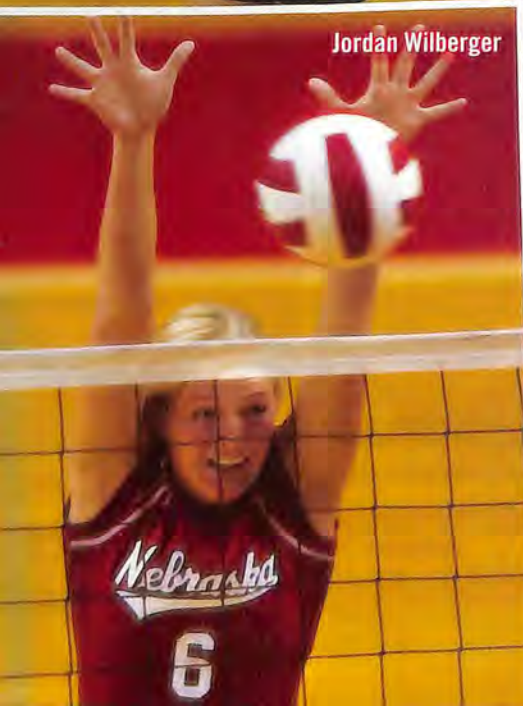
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FOLLOWING THE HUSKERS IN 2008

Husker Volleyball on Radio

The Husker Sports Network will continue the strong tradition of broadcasting excellence in 2008 as it brings Husker volleyball to fans across the state. Every volleyball match this season is available to a network of 25 radio stations that reaches every corner of the state. KBBK 107.3 FM in Lincoln will serve as the flagship, while KHUS (93.3 FM) will return to the network and will carry every match in the Omaha market.



The Husker Sports Network, in its 14th year of producing and marketing the live broadcasts of University of Nebraska Athletics, extended and expanded its agreement with the University on June 13, 2008. Under the agreement, IMG College's Husker Sports Network will manage and market all rights associated with radio programming, coaches' TV and radio shows, program sales, sponsorship inventory and publication printing rights.

IMG College, which purchased Host Communications and the Husker Sports Network on Nov. 16, 2007, is the leader in developing integrated licensing, marketing and multi-media opportunities for the nation's top collegiate brands across local, regional and national platforms. In addition to Nebraska, IMG College represents athletic organizations from across the country including such universities as Arizona, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, Oklahoma State, Oregon, Tennessee and Texas. IMG College partners include the NCAA and its 88 championships, NCAA football, leading conferences, some of the most prestigious universities and licensing for nearly 200 institutions. IMG College is a division of IMG, the world's premier sports, entertainment and media company. IMG employs more than 3,000 people in 30 countries. For more information, visit www.imgworld.com.

John Baylor enters his 14th year as the voice of the Nebraska volleyball program and brings his high-energy broadcasts throughout the state. He is joined by color analysts Lindsay Peterson and Diane Mendenhall.

In addition to broadcasting Husker matches, the Husker Sports Network also produces Sports Nightly, a daily, live call-in show focusing on NU athletics and other area sports. The show runs from 6 to 9 p.m. (central) across the state. During the season, Coach Cook will join Sports Nightly's Lane Grindle for a half-hour, call-in show on Husker volleyball every Tuesday during the season. Coach Cook is also heard weekly on B107.3 FM on Friday mornings during the 8 a.m. hour.

The Husker Sports Volleyball Network

City	Affiliate	Signal
Ainsworth	KBRB	1400 AM
Alliance*	KCOW	1400 AM
Aurora*	KRGY	97.3 FM
Beatrice	KWBE	1450 AM
Broken Bow	KBBN	95.3 FM
Chadron	KCSR	610 AM
Columbus	KJSK	900 AM
Fairbury*	KUTT	99.5 FM
Falls City	KTNC	1230 AM
Fremont*	KHUB	1340 AM
Grand Island*	KRGI	1430 AM
Hastings	KHAS	1230 AM
Holdrege*	KUVR	1380 AM
Kearney*	KGFV	1340 AM

Lexington*	KRVN	880 AM
Lincoln	KBBK	107.3 FM
McCook*	KSWN	93.9 FM
North Platte*	KODY	1240 AM
Ogallala	KOGA	930 AM
Omaha	KHUS	93.3 FM
Scottsbluff*	KNEB	960 AM/94.1 FM
Sidney	KSID	1340 AM
Superior	KRFS	103.9 FM
Valentine	KVSH	940 AM
West Point*	KTIC	840 AM

*-Affiliates that only carry selected broadcasts

Husker Volleyball on the Internet

For the most up-to-the-minute coverage of Nebraska volleyball on the Internet, click on Huskers.com, the official website of the University of Nebraska Athletic Department.

In addition to updated results, statistics and game stories, you can find photos, player and coach biographies, schedule and roster information and weekly releases on the Husker volleyball program.

Husker fans have the opportunity to gain even greater access to the NU volleyball program through HuskersNside, the premium site of the Nebraska Athletic Department. HuskersNside provides live video streaming of NU athletic events and daily video content to its subscribers not available anywhere else. In 2008, HuskersNside will stream nearly every regular-season volleyball match, both home and away, as well as Coach Cook's weekly Tuesday press conferences.

To join, just log on to Huskers.com and click on HuskersNside. Because this is quality video streaming, subscribers must have broadband Internet access.

The Husker Volleyball Show

The Bank of the West Husker Volleyball Show with John Cook will air throughout the state this fall. Join host Diane Mendenhall and Coach John Cook, as they look back on last week's matches, along with special features and player profiles throughout the year during this half hour show devoted to Husker volleyball.

The show will air weekly, beginning on Monday, Sept. 1, on the following channels. In addition to its television airings, the show will also be available on Huskers.com, as part of the HuskersNside package.

2008 Husker Volleyball Show Stations

Affiliate	City	Day	Time
NET-1	Statewide	Mon.	9 p.m.
My TV (Time Warner Ch. 110, DirecTV channel 25)	Lincoln	Mon.	10:30 p.m.
My TV (Charter Communications Ch. 17, DirecTV channel 25)	Grand Island	Mon.	10:30 p.m.
Time Warner Cable (Ch. 13)	Lincoln	Thurs.	10 p.m.
Time Warner Cable (Ch. 101)	Lincoln	On Demand	
WOWT-DT (Ch. 248 on Cox Cable)	Omaha	Sat.	Noon
KNOP	North Platte	Sat.	Noon
KPTH (Ch. 44)	Sioux City, IA	Sun.	10:30 p.m.
Great Plains Cable			
Broken Bow (Ch. 9), Chadron (Ch. 4), Grand/Imperial (Ch. 24)		Fri.	5:30 p.m.
Elgin (Ch. 21), Knox County (Ch. 21), North Bend (Ch. 36)		Sat.	6:30 p.m.
Spencer Municipal (Ch. 3)	Spencer, IA	Tues.	6 p.m.
		Wed.	11:30 a.m.
Lakes TV (Check local listings)	Northwest IA	Wed.	10 p.m.



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THE NEBRASKA COLISEUM

Husker Fans Make Home Court One of the Most Intimidating Places in College Volleyball

One of the foundations for Nebraska's athletic success is its outstanding facilities, and few home courts in the country are as tradition-rich as the Nebraska Coliseum, the home of the Husker volleyball program. Over the years, the 4,030-seat NU Coliseum has provided the Nebraska volleyball program with an unmatched home-court advantage.

"Winston Churchill said 'in the beginning, we build buildings. In the end, we are shaped by the buildings we live in.' I think the Coliseum shapes Nebraska volleyball," former Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit said. "It's an environment that creates intimacy. It's a classic structure and in a lot of ways reflects what the Nebraska program is all about."

The Coliseum, which sits nestled on the University campus, is a beautiful display of architecture highlighted by its powerful Roman columns gracing the front steps. But while its beauty is appreciated by Husker players, coaches and fans, it is one of the most dreaded places for opponents to play in the sport of volleyball, and arguably one of the toughest places to play in college athletics.

"If the volleyball gods wanted to build a volleyball court, the Coliseum would be it," NU coach John Cook said.

"It's a very intimate setting. Everyone feels part of the event."

During the Terry Pettit/John Cook era, the Huskers have qualified for 26 consecutive NCAA Tournaments, and the Coliseum crowd has willed the Huskers to many victories in the historic building. Cook credited the NU Coliseum crowd with willing the Huskers to a come-from-behind, 3-2 win over South Carolina in the 2000 NCAA second round that kept the Huskers' national championship season alive.

Nebraska volleyball has had unmatched success in the confines of the cozy Coliseum, posting 15 undefeated seasons and compiling an all-time record of 454-30 (.938) under its roof. The Huskers are 169-12 (.934) since 1990 in the building, including 10 undefeated seasons in that span.

While these numbers are impressive, Big 12 and former Big Eight members managed even fewer wins. That's because Nebraska doesn't lose to conference opponents in the Coliseum.

Only three times in 32 years of regular-season Big Eight/Big 12 play has a conference opponent ever won on the Coliseum floor. In fact, during that time, only three conference opponents have managed to win in Lincoln. Nebraska suffered its first-ever regular-season loss to a conference foe in 1999, falling to Kansas State to snap a



NCAA Consecutive Home-Court Victories

Rk.	No.	School	Start of Streak	End of Streak
1.	87	Penn State	Nov. 25, 1995	Sept. 16, 2000
2.	74	Northern Iowa	Nov. 1, 1997	Oct. 1, 2004
3.	72#	Nebraska	Sept. 11, 2004	Present
4.	63*	Nebraska	Sept. 29, 1999	Dec. 14, 2002
5.	58	Florida	Oct. 14, 1990	Sept. 4, 1994
6.	57	Long Beach State	Nov. 14, 1996	Nov. 11, 1999
7.	55	Hawaii	Oct. 23, 1986	Nov. 11, 1989
8.	52	UCLA	Oct. 28, 1987	Oct. 26, 1991
9.	50	Stanford	Nov. 19, 1993	Aug. 23, 1997
	50	Northern Iowa	Oct. 10, 1992	Oct. 4, 1996

*-NU Coliseum and Bob Devaney Sports Center; #-NU Coliseum, Devaney Center and Qwest Center Omaha.

streak of 101 consecutive wins against regular-season conference opponents. Under John Cook, the Huskers have dropped only two Big 12 home matches at the Coliseum over the last eight years and none since 2004.

Cook and Pettit said the home-court advantage is most valuable during its long, hard-fought battles.

"You feel incredibly confident when you get into a fifth game in the Coliseum because of the electricity in tight matches," Cook said.

"The home crowd was a big advantage when we were fatigued or drained in the middle of a four- or five-game match," Pettit said. "The players used the energy and electricity from the fans to pull them through difficult stretches. I don't think that it's as big an advantage against the elite teams, but it definitely makes a difference."

Nebraska has used that success at home to propel it through the NCAA Tournament.

The Huskers have hosted an NCAA Tournament match every season since 1984 and have capitalized on each opportunity by compiling a 45-3 playoff record in the stoic building. And Nebraska fans have been rewarded by seeing eight of the Huskers' 10 NCAA regional championships won on their home court.

Nebraska carried a 65-match Coliseum win streak into the 1999 season, but suffered a loss to No. 6 Pacific in the State Farm/NACWAA Classic semifinal. In 2002, the Huskers carried a 63-match home winning streak into its NCAA regional final match against Hawaii, but fell, 3-1. Nebraska begins the 2008 season with a 64-match home winning streak in the Nebraska Coliseum dating back nearly four seasons, part of a remarkable 72-match home win streak for the Huskers.

The win streaks are a direct result of Nebraska's frenzied crowds that routinely jam the building's bleachers. The Huskers finished second nationally in attendance in 2007 with a Coliseum average attendance of 4,128, a total that is 102 percent of the Coliseum's listed capacity. Single-match tickets in 2007 sold out in just 45 minutes, as fans began lining up the day before to get their hands on the precious tickets.

"To appreciate the athleticism and the speed of the game, you have to be down close

and the Coliseum provides that intimate setting," Cook said about the NU Coliseum atmosphere.

Fans have been known to line up as much as four to five hours in advance to see their Husker volleyball team in action. During the 2007 season, fans set an NCAA regular-season attendance mark of 13,396 for a match against Hawaii in the Bob Devaney Sports Center. Nebraska has averaged more than 3,000 fans for 14 of the past 16 seasons.

The Coliseum's roots go back to the 1920s when it was the home for the Husker basketball team. NU's cagers played on its hardwood floors from 1926 to 1977, when the construction on the Bob Devaney Sports Center was completed.

Since then, the volleyball team has been its lone tenant. In 1991, the Huskers had a one-year hiatus from the Coliseum while the building was being renovated and tailored for volleyball. The renovation provided a more comfortable atmosphere for players, coaches and fans. Among the additions were a new sound system, scoreboard, overhead lights and a new floor. Offices for coaches and administrators, as well as a conference/media room, were constructed for a better working environment.

Over the years, the building has seen numerous additions to add to the comfort of both players and fans, while keeping the tradition of the building and the Husker volleyball program. Over the past decade, locker rooms, training areas and coaches offices have all been upgraded to provide Husker student-athletes with some of the best facilities in the country. For fans, HuskerVision replay boards, a new scoreboard and new displays have been added, recognizing the great heritage and tradition of the program.

Additional seating for fans was created in 2005, with the addition of the Husker Courtside Club. This added 60 premium seats on the Coliseum floor, giving fans an up-close view of all of the exciting volleyball action, and making Nebraska one of the first programs in the country to add premium courtside seating for volleyball.



NEBRASKA COLISEUM FAN INFORMATION

There are two entrances into the NU Coliseum. The main entrance is located at the south end of the Coliseum near the Columns. The handicapped, media and player pass gate entrance is located at the Southwest corner adjacent to the Ed Weir Track and NU Soccer Field. Gates to the Coliseum will open 90 minutes prior to first serve during the regular season (60 minutes prior if NU is not playing the first match). All fans, regardless of age, must have a ticket to gain admission.

Concessions, Programs and Chairback Seats

The concession stands are located on the east and west concourses on the main level. Game programs, chairback seats and other Match Club merchandise can be purchased in the east concourse.

First Aid

The Red Cross provides emergency medical services and the first aid station is located in the northeast concourse of the Coliseum, near the concession stand.

Lost and Found

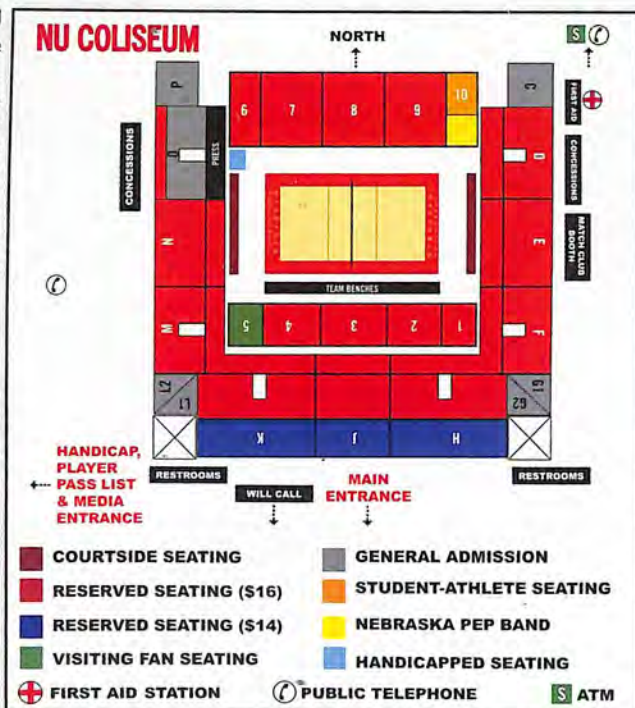
If you have lost anything - or found a lost item - please report/return it to the nearest fan host or police officer. All lost and found items will be kept until the end of the season. Items may be claimed by contacting the Athletic Events Office at (402) 472-1000.

Meeting Places

In case you become separated from your family or friends, please plan ahead to have two designated meeting places - one inside the Coliseum (such as the concession stand) and another outside the Coliseum (such as the Columns). If you need assistance, contact the nearest fan host or police officer.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located on the southwest and southeast corners of the main concourse.



Prohibited Items

The University of Nebraska reserves the right to examine the contents of any container brought into the Coliseum. The following items are prohibited:

- Coolers, large bags and backpacks
- Video cameras
- Noise makers
- Banners/Flags on poles
- Glass bottles and cans
- Open umbrellas
- Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances
- Limited use of cameras and portable radios is permitted. Flash photography is prohibited. Game action may not be filmed. Consideration of other spectators is expected.

• With the passage of a new concealed weapons law in the state of Nebraska, fans are reminded that concealed weapons are not allowed on the UNL campus and are prohibited at all collegiate sporting events.

Public Telephones & ATMs

Public pay phones are located on the east wall of the Coliseum and in the lobby of Campus Recreation, located north of the Coliseum down the east hallway. The closest ATM can also be found in the Campus Recreation lobby.

Smoking Policy

Smoking is NOT permitted in the Coliseum. If you choose to leave the building to smoke, you must have both your ticket stub and a hand stamp (available from fan hosts) to re-enter the Coliseum.

Will Call

Will call tickets will be available for pickup at the Coliseum ticket window, located inside the main entrance on the south side near the Columns, beginning 90 minutes prior to first serve. The media will call and player pass gate is located at the entrance on the southwest corner. Photo ID is required to pick up will call tickets.

2008 VOLLEYBALL PARKING

Champion's Lot

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Handicapped Parking

Handicapped parking is available in the Champion's lot and non-reserved metered parking is available on 14th Street.

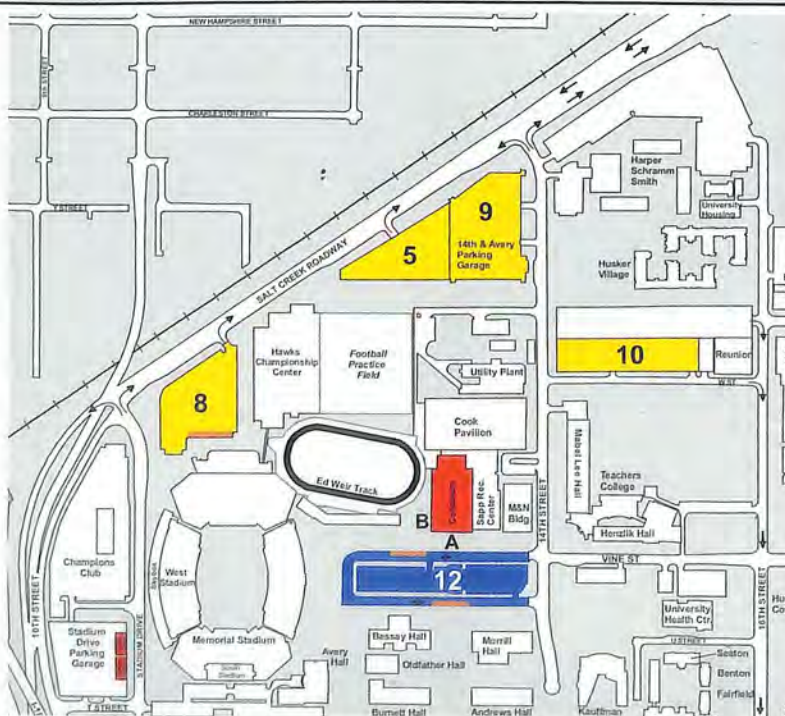
A Main Entrance

Primary entrance to the NU Coliseum for most ticket holders.

B Handicap/Media/Pass List Entrance

Entrance for handicapped ticket holders, media members and fans on the player pass list.

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THE TRADITION CONTINUATION LEADING 26 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS
The Huskers' 26th Academic All-American team was announced on Monday, Sept. 10. The team includes players from various sports, including basketball, football, and baseball.

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DRIVING SELECTED TO OLYMPIC TEAM
Former Husker star looks to bring home the gold for Team USA. The athlete is a former Husker star who has been selected to represent the United States at the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.

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Big 12 Announces Conference Basketball Schedule
The Big 12 Conference has announced the basketball schedule for the 2008-09 season. The schedule includes games between member schools from November to March.

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Be Aired on Pay-per-View
The Huskers' first three football games of the 2008 season will be aired on pay-per-view. The games are set for September 12, 19, and 26.

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12 Huskers Named to All-Big 12 Team
The Big 12 Conference has named 12 Huskers to the All-Big 12 team. The players are recognized for their outstanding performance during the season.

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THE RED LIFE WITH LEANDRA MCGRUDER
A new book by Leandra McGruder, a former Husker basketball player, is now available. The book shares her experiences and insights from her time at Nebraska.

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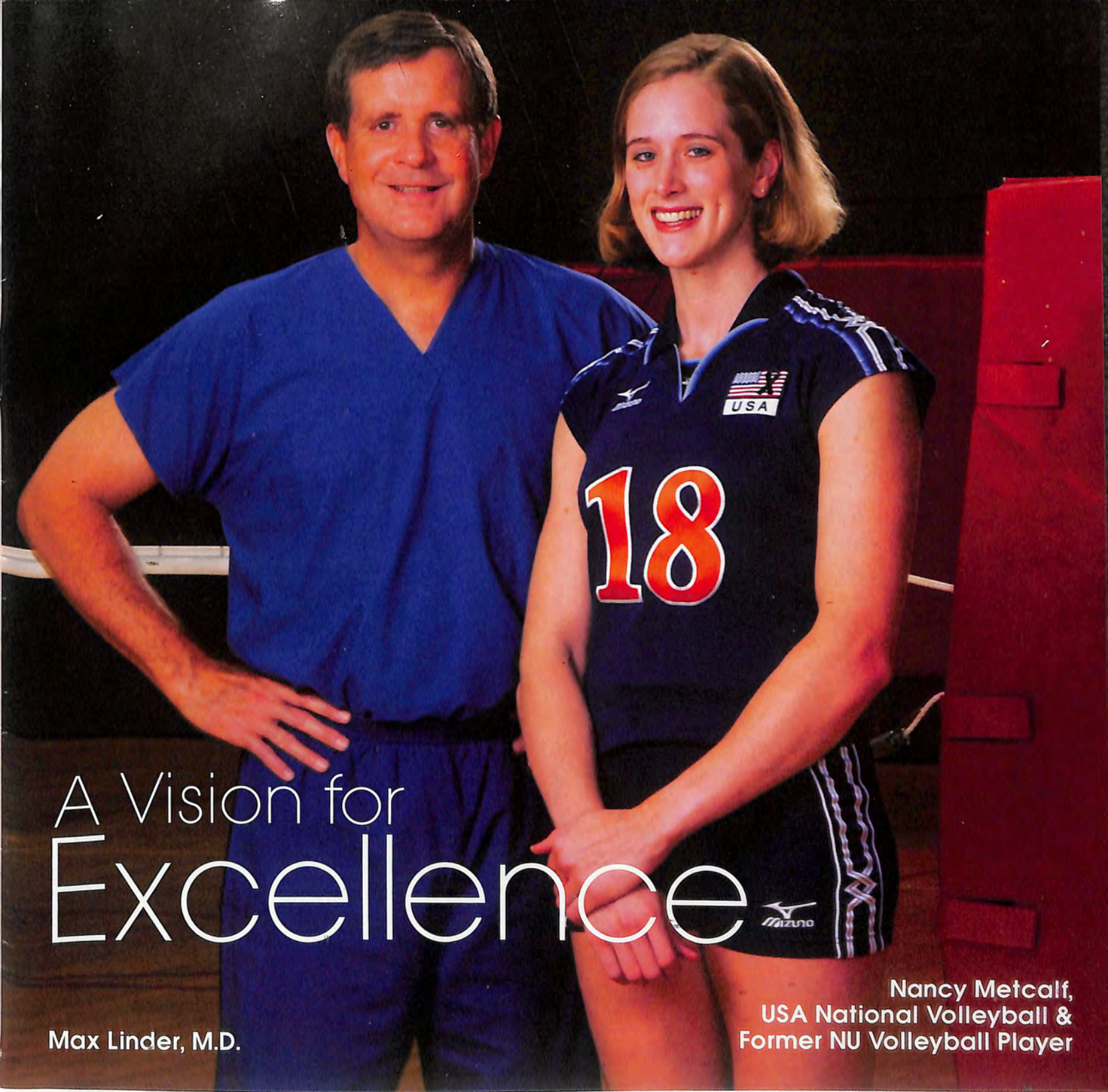
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